



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

We have had a great start to the school year at Timberbank Junior Public School. As the new Principal of Timberbank, I am honoured to be part of such a vibrant school. In my short time here already, I have been welcomed by the students, staff and members of the parent community, and I am amazed by the evident passion Timberbank and learning.

I truly believe strong partnerships between parents and staff will lead to academic success for all students. Therefore, I invite you to visit our school and to actively participate in your child's education. This participation may come in a variety of forms including: joining the school council, volunteering at the school, checking your child's homework and agenda on a daily basis, attending school-wide events, and communicating questions or concerns to me and the teachers.

September and October have already been busy with many activities including The National Ballet, a two night stay at Kearney for our grade 6 students, The Terry Fox run, Dhanaian Drumming workshops, and our first "On T.R.A.C.K." Assembly. Timberbank opened a new Kindergarten class which has allowed for more individualized attention in the important early years. Extra Curricular teams and clubs are well under way with the Kilometre Club, Cross Country Team, Soccer Team, Ambassadors, Announcers and Library Helpers. Volleyball try-outs have just begun and the crafters and cooking clubs begin next week.

My first impressions of Timberbank support my belief that a school is more than just a place to learn to read and write. The extra activities that are offered by our energetic and caring staff help to build pride, engage our students and add to the experience of learning. I look forward to meeting more of the parents and community members and a great year with all of you at Timberbank.

Ms. Karen Robertson

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 25	Picture Day / Band Picture Day
Oct. 26	Trip to Chudleigh's Farm (
Oct. 31	Hallowe'en Activities
Nov. 6	School Council Meeting in the Library @ 6:30pm
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly (am)
Nov. 10	Tribal Dance Performing Arts Show (pm)
Nov. 13	Progress Reports go home
Nov. 16	Evening Interviews
Nov. 17	Morning Interviews
Nov. 17	P.A. Day
Nov. 20	Puppet Show (JK/SK—grade 3)



Parent School Council!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings to hear about what is happening at our school. Our Parent School Council meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Congratulations to our new School Council Chair:

Jeff Kwok

Our next meeting is on:

Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm in our library. Please mark your calendars!



Calling All Volunteers

Volunteers in our school make a big difference to the success of our students. Timberbank can only excel because of the contributions of staff, students, parents and community volunteers.

Parents, guardians and community members are welcomed.

We need adults to help assist with school activities, shelve books in the library, supervise our breakfast clubs kids, and read to/with kindergarten children in addition to new ESL students.

Drop into the office and let us know your availability. Such assistance will provide meaningful activities that enhance the climate of the school for all members of the school community while enabling volunteers to gain valuable experience, personal growth and satisfaction.

SABRINA'S LAW: PEANUT SAFE

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products.

visit:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>



School Birthday Celebration Change



Starting October 21, 2017, Timberbank will be implementing a "non-food birthday treats" policy. This decision was made after much thought and discussion among the staff and school council. No food is to be distributed from home for a birthday celebration.

A letter has been send home outlining a few reasons why we made this change including safety, inclusion for all and the promotion of healthy eating in schools

Classroom teachers will continue to recognise children on their special day in special ways.

**Hurray For Our Soccer Team**

Both the Grade 5 and Grade 6 Boy's Soccer teams have made it to the "big time". The Grade 5 Team has advanced to the Semi-finals and is hoping to make it to the finals after their game on Thursday October 28. The Grade 6 Team moves on to the final competition against Bellmere Jr. P. S. on Nov. 2.

Terry Fox

On October 5, the students at Timberbank had the opportunity to learn a valuable lesson about caring and sharing. Through the use of videos and School Assembly, they learned about a true Canadian hero, Terry Fox. Staff and students were asked to donate coins to the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation. The activities culminated in an hour-long walk/run by all the students on a beautiful day.



We should certainly be very proud of the spirit of giving from both our students and our staff whose total donations amounted to **\$1000.00** for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Fund. Way to go, Timber Team!



Cross Country Team

On October 12 a dedicated group of students competed in the Cross Country finals at Thomson Park. The Cross Country Team was made up of 35 students from grades 4 to 6. These athletes showed commitment in their sport by turning out every Tuesday and Thursday to run, jog, and do all kinds of different stretching exercises. Each of these students increased their running speed and endurance and should be very proud of their achievements.

K. Freckelton

Working Hard at School & Having Fun!



Scholastic Book Fair a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

A big thank you to all the students, parents and staff members that came to the Scholastic Book Fair that was held in the Library from September 18 – 22. We had a wide variety of picture books, novels, non-fiction books, toy and craft items, pens, erasers and posters for sale at this year's Fair. The Scholastic Book Fair is an excellent opportunity for the school to raise money to purchase new books for the classrooms as well as the school Library. This year, we sold \$2888 worth of merchandise. We had an excellent turnout at the Book Fair on Curriculum/Meet the Teacher Night on September 21.

Congratulations to Vithushaan in Ms. Humber's class who won the Book Fair Lucky Draw. Vithushaan won \$25 worth of books for himself and \$25 worth of books for Ms. Humber's classroom. Special thanks to Ms. Boulos for all her hard work.

Reminders:



Reminder!

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

416-396-6860, press 1



Please call the school at 416-396-6860 and use the 24 hour voicemail system to report your child's absence or late arrival. If a call is not received, the automated call-out system will contact the parents. Please listen carefully and confirm the reason for the absence. Up-to-date emergency phone numbers for parents at home and work must be provided to the school. In the evening, the system calls all students who have arrived late that day.

All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter in keeping our students safe.

International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Department of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

For more information, please visit the office.

Soo Wong, MPP

Scarborough - Agincourt

Reading Circle

(Kindergarten to Grade 6)

Every Saturday from October to May
Bridlewood Library, 2900 Warden Avenue
1:15 pm-3:00pm

For more information: 416-297-6568 or email



Student Insurance

Applications for student accident insurance have been sent home. Unfortunately, we all know that accidents do happen. Parents are advised to carefully consider applying for insurance coverage for their children, particularly if they participate in sports activities of

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Halloween Safety

1. Wear a Halloween costume that will not cause you to trip or fall and a mask that allows you to see clearly.
2. If you are not wearing light-coloured clothes, be sure to attach reflecting tape to your costume.
3. Be careful when crossing streets.
4. If an adult is not with you make sure that an adult knows exactly where you are going, who is going with you, and how long you will be gone.
5. Do not walk on the street.
6. Stay away from houses that are not well lit.
7. Accept treats only from people you know.
8. Do not eat anything from your bag until it has been checked by an adult.
9. Never eat candy or chewing gum that has been unwrapped.
10. If you put a candle inside your jack-o-lantern, keep it away from walls or other objects that could catch fire.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

Grade 1/2 Class in ACTION

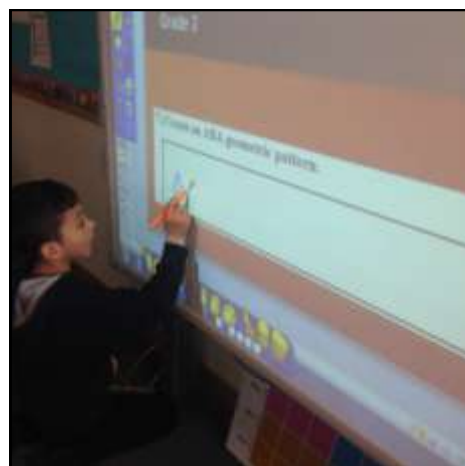


Isaac learning about why we have Canada's Food Guide (To help people make healthy choices) and how many servings of fruit/vegetables, grain products, milk and alternatives and meat and alternatives a child his age should have each day.

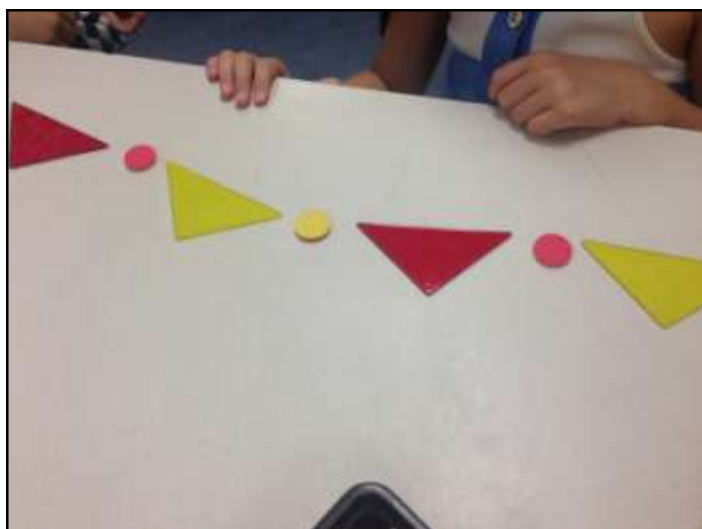
LEARNING
IS
FUN



Matthew answering a question during our review of patterning in a game of "math basketball"



Molham creating an ABA geometric pattern on the Promethean Board.



A student created an ABCD pattern using manipulatives.



Katie creating a pattern on the Hundreds Chart on the Promethean Board.

Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their "TEAMWORK & TRUST" at our "On TRACK" assembly on Dec. 4th:

Mr. O'Connor's class –

Ms Oommen's class –

Ms Persaud's class –

Ms Boulos' /Mr. Mirshahi's class –

Ms. D'Alessandros' –

Mrs. De Sousa's class –

Mrs. Mourad's class –

Mrs. Montgomery's / Mrs. Shaikh's class –

Mrs. Jeung's /Ms. Au's class –

